

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, April 1, 2021 – 3:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform

- I. **Chairperson Annie Mae Holt called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Chaplain Anthony Estes provided the invocation.
- III. **Introduction of Police Commissioners. A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared.**

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance		
	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chairperson		Excused
Annie Mae Holt, Vice-Chairperson	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch		Excused
Willie E. Burton (3:11 p.m.)	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez		Excused
Jim Holley	Yes	
Martin Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

- IV. **The Board approved the Agenda for Thursday, April 1, 2021.**
Motion: Commissioner Bernard **Second:** Commissioner Jones **Discussion:** None.
VOTE: Yes = 7 No = 0 **Motion: ADOPTED**
- V. **Chairperson Holt called for any corrections to the Meeting Minutes for March 25, 2021. After no corrections were submitted, the minutes were approved.**
Motion: Commissioner Brown **Second:** Commissioner Davis **Discussion:** None.
VOTE: Yes = 7 No = 0 **Motion: ADOPTED**
- VI. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives.**
- VII. **Chair's Report.** Chairperson Holt discussed the recent Emergency Health Order declared by Detroit Public Health Director Denise Fair declaring a local state of emergency due to recent public health concerns surrounding the increase of COVID-19 cases. Therefore, the Board's remote meetings have been extended until May 31, 2021, or until the order is rescinded. The Board will continue to utilize the Zoom Technology platform. Regarding Board Budget updates, the Detroit City Council is currently holding Executive Hearings, and information is forthcoming on the scheduled Board of Police Commissioners' Executive Session. Lastly, the Human Resources' Department is currently reviewing, posting, and screening applications and resumes based on the Board's current vacancies, and the Board will receive further updates on this process.
- VIII. **Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police's Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information:**

Assistant Chief Todd Bettison represented Chief James E. Craig and reported on officers injured in the line of duty; current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property; Protest Activities; COVID-19 impacts, and recent critical incidents impacting DPD and the community. **See attached Meeting Transcripts for more information.**

Category	Prior Day	Prior 7 Days	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Change	% Change
Criminal Homicides*	1	7	66	55	11	20% ▲
Sex Assaults*	1	9	172	171	1	1% ▲
Aggravated Assaults*	28	241	2,522	1,903	619	33% ▲
- Non-Fatal Shootings*	2	19	194	128	66	52% ▲
Robberies	2	22	329	493	-164	-33% ▼
- Carjackings	0	6	51	39	12	31% ▲
Part I Violent Crime	32	279	3,089	2,622	467	18% ▲
Category	Prior Day	Prior 7 Days	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Change	% Change
Burglaries	9	53	826	1,304	-478	-37% ▼
Larcenies	9	108	2,150	3,118	-968	-31% ▼
Motor Vehicle Thefts	6	87	1,302	1,521	-219	-14% ▼
Part I Property Crime	24	248	4,278	5,943	-1,665	-28% ▼
Total Part I Crime	56	527	7,367	8,565	-1,198	-14% ▼

Response Time for the past week: Priority 1: 11 minutes:43 seconds **Priority 2:** 34 minutes:18 seconds. **Marihuana and Narcotics Enforcement Efforts:** The Department conducted the following enforcement activities: 120 Felony Arrests for VCSA, CCW, Traffic Stops and other investigatory stops; 40 Felony Arrests for Probation Violations, Stolen Vehicles and Armed Robbery; 76 Misdemeanor Arrests; Recovered 101 Handguns; Conducted 1,354 Traffic Stops; 147 Vehicles Impounded. 8 Vehicles were recovered. Narcotic Proceeds: 43 grams of cocaine; 5,469 grams Marihuana, 265 Pills recovered; Total Currency: \$18, 215 recovered by precincts and executed 2 Search Warrants at illegal grow operation. **COVID-19:** 38 Members are currently quarantined and 33 Members last test was positive. **Neighborhood Traffic NPOs Enforcement Activities:** The assigned NPO Officers are placed in strategic areas based on community complaints to address quality-of-life issues, and relevant stats were provided to the Board.

Commissioner Davis inquired whether the Department's Park Patrol has started, noting numerous complaints within District 7 regarding ordinance violations (i.e. traffic enforcement and ordinance violations, speeding, drag racing and other illegal driving in the parks). **Commissioner Bernard** suggested that when reporting DPD statistics, the Department should remind the public about last year's minimum activity based on COVID-19 impacts when making comparisons between last year and this year's crime statistics. **Commissioner Bernard** also opposed the assistance of the Michigan State Police (MSP) to help patrol the City's streets stating that MSP has no familiarity with the City streets, and that the MSP can handle the freeways and the Department should continue with traffic enforcement initiatives based on this primary responsibility and routine traffic efforts. No other city has requested the Michigan State Police (MSP) to assist with routine traffic requests. **Commissioner Bernard** also discussed the forfeiture fees, citing a recent incident involving a resident whose vehicle was forfeited from her grandson and the required excessive fees of 10% of the value of the property (Value of the property \$27,000, 10% of the property value is \$2700) that were due to obtain her vehicle. **Commissioner Bernard** requested the Department address the issue of vehicle forfeitures and required fees in connection with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in front of the Board. **Commissioner Burton** expressed that the MSP policing in Detroit sends the wrong message to City residents given the tragic incident of Damon Grimes. He further stated that Detroiters that he has spoken with do not want to see MSP patrol Detroit streets or in the community. Regarding River Towers Residential Facility, located at 7800 Jefferson, Commissioner Burton requested more police presence at the residential facilities to address dope peddling, more police presence, and requested the number of calls placed from the residential facility seeking services versus the number of calls serviced at the address. **Commissioner Burton** also requested the data associated with women who have gone missing this year and how many were found based on constituents' inquiries. **Commissioner Burton** requested the information by the next Board Meeting. **Commissioner Burton** also requested special attention at the River Towers Residential Facility. **Commissioner Jones** expressed support of the MSP and other law enforcement agencies assisting the Department with traffic enforcement activities given recent incidents including but not limited to motorists speeding excessively, engaging in drag racing activities, and violating other traffic laws. **Commissioner Jones** noted that residents also support other law enforcement agencies' partnership with the Department. **Commissioner Burton** stated that he was confident in the Detroit Police Department to enforce traffic laws, not the MSP. **Commissioner Brown** thanked the men and women of the Department. He also expressed support of the MSP assisting with traffic enforcement initiatives on the freeways and within the City limits to allow the Department to address other plaguing issues within the City (i.e. homelessness, poverty, and squatters' issues). **Commissioner Brown** asked about the Department's plan to address those matters relating to forfeited cars that are unregistered to drivers/motorists.

Commissioner Brown shared the data requested by Commissioner Burton relating to Human Trafficking will be presented during today's upcoming presentation.

- IX. PRESENTATION(S) TO THE BOARD: A. VICE Enforcement – Sergeant Otha Craighead and Sergeant Jordan Grace presented on VICE Enforcement Unit.** Sergeant Craighead described what Human Trafficking is relating to the VICE Enforcement Unit. The primary duty of the unit is enforcement of morality and liquor laws in the City of Detroit. Currently, three officers are assigned to a federal task force, SEMTEC, Federal task force that specifically focuses on human trafficking on a federal level. Human Trafficking is modern day slavery, and sex trafficking is a large component of Human Trafficking, which is occurring everywhere within the United States, not as much as in the western lower half within the U.S. Human Trafficking is commonly encountered within hotels, motels, shelters, schools, hospitals, mass transit (i.e. stranded travelers), sex workers, and can show up anywhere any time. Responding officers conduct an assessment and distinguish the signs of the persons being trafficked. Upon further determination, notifications are made to members of the VICE Enforcement based on a police run and other assessments. Also discussed was the victims of domestic minor sex trafficking, where minors are determined to be victims in the sex trafficking world. Alerts and signs of Sex Trafficking include numerous hotel keys, falsifying age, pre-pay money cards, large amount of money on the person, branding, tattoos, marks from violence, inconsistencies during interviews, lack of knowledge, cell phones not in parent's names. Presenters also discussed the investigation process including but not limited to responding to tips received by police officers, citizens, and crime stoppers and proceed with conducting a full investigation and attempt to develop the case with the person they believe is being trafficked. In 2020, VICE Enforcement has conducted or closed 94 investigations in 2020 which were related to Human Trafficking or Exploitation of Children, 7 recoveries of missing persons; 29 placements; and 34 arrests.

Commissioner Brown commended the Department's Presentation asked about the number of missing youth and whether that information is submitted to the VICE Enforcement Unit. **Commissioner Davis** commended the Department's presentation and asked whether the placement facilities were assisting/enabling human trafficking of young people. **Commissioner Jones** asked whether the Human Trafficking investigations reach past 8 Mile Road based on transient hotels/motels. **Commissioner Carter** asked through the Department's investigations whether most of the women the Department recovers are from the area or whether they are brought in from another part of the country. **Commissioner Burton** requested data associated with the number of women who have gone missing this year, the number of women recovered, how long does it take to investigate a Missing Person's Report, and what are the targeted age groups. **Lieutenant Andrew Guntzviller**, Lieutenant in Charge of VICE and Major Violators' Unit, clarified that a specialized unit within Homicide and each individual Precinct Detective's Unit investigates Missing Persons within the precinct's occurrence. The only time VICE Enforcement would become involved in a Missing Persons' investigation is if there is a Human Trafficking connection. **Assistant Chief Bettison** stated that Sergeant Shannon Jones, subject matter expert and the Missing Persons' Unit maintains data, which will be supplied to the Board. **Commissioner Davis** inquired whether there is an increase in seniors being trafficked. **Chair Holt** asked for distinctions between Sex Trafficking and Human Trafficking. **Sergeant Craighead** clarified that not all trafficking is sex trafficking. For the purposes of this presentation, the Department limited the information to sex trafficking. **Chair Holt** also requested whether a billboard has been posted relating to sex trafficking and human trafficking. **Chair Holt** discussed the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated efforts to combat human and sex trafficking during a previous auto show event and discussed the billion-dollar industry of sex trafficking. **Assistant Chief Bettison** stated the Department would share educational information with the Board to share with constituents and alert the community. **Chair Holt** highlighted the State of Michigan's Report on Human Trafficking and key information. **Commissioner Bernard** discussed the prevalence of human trafficking in Southwest Detroit and the Vietnamese Communities and requested the material in different languages for broader community outreach.

X. Report from Interim Board Secretary/Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:

1. Weekly DPD Facial Recognition Technology Report 3/22/21 – 3/28/21
2. RFP – Towing & Recovery Services
3. Public Health Order OMA 3.30.21
4. Panel discussion event held by Wayne State University Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice and the Levin Center on April 9, 2021 – Corrections and Re-Entry
5. Resignation Letter of Senior Investigator Delvata Moses
6. Chief of Police James E. Craig's Letter of Recommendation to Promote Detective Arick Flesch to the Rank of Sergeant
7. Inter-Office Memorandum Re: Proposed Revisions to the Rules for Police Authorized Towers

8. Staff Reports

XI. Unfinished Business.

A. MOTION TO APPROVE MANUAL DIRECTIVE SEARCH WARRANT & EXECUTION POLICY 202.3.

Motion: Commissioner Jones **Second:** Commissioner Carter **Discussion:** Discussion.

B. MOTION TO TABLE MANUAL DIRECTIVE SEARCH WARRANT & EXECUTION POLICY 202.3.

Motion: Commissioner Burton **Second:** Commissioner Bernard **Discussion:** Discussion.

C. MOTION TO AMEND THE MANUAL DIRECTIVE SEARCH WARRANT & EXECUTION POLICY 202.3 AND TO EXTEND THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FROM 30 SECONDS TO ONE (1) MINUTE.

Motion: Commissioner Brown **Second:** Commissioner Davis **Discussion:** Discussion.

D. MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE MANUAL DIRECTIVE SEARCH WARRANT & EXECUTION POLICY 202.3 LANGUAGE CHANGE.

Motion: Commissioner Brown **Second:** **Discussion:** Discussion.

E. MAIN MOTION TO APPROVE MANUAL DIRECTIVE SEARCH WARRANT & EXECUTION POLICY 202.3.

Motion: Commissioner Jones **Second:** Commissioner Carter **Discussion:** Discussion.

Yes: Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Holley, and Commissioner Jones.

No: Commissioner Burton and Commissioner Davis.

Abstention: Commissioner Bernard.

VOTE: **Yes = 5** **No = 2** **Abstention = 1** **Motion: PASSED**

F. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION TO TEMPORARILY DISQUALIFY THE APPLICANT APPEAL OF MAX PADRO FOR THREE YEARS BEFORE REAPPLYING TO THE DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Motion: Commissioner Carter **Second:** Commissioner Jones **Discussion:** Discussion.

Yes: Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Carter, and Commissioner Jones.

No: Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Holley.

VOTE: **Yes = 4** **No = 4** **Motion: FAILED**

G. MOTION TO ALLOW APPEAL APPLICANT MAX PADRO TO REAPPLY TO THE DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Motion: Commissioner Bernard **Second:** Commissioner Holley **Discussion:** Discussion.

Yes: Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Holley.

No: Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Carter, and Commissioner Jones.

VOTE: Yes = 5 No = 3 Motion: PASSED

XII. New Business.

A. MOTION TO POST THE POSITION OF ATTORNEY TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Motion: Commissioner Burton **Second:** Commissioner Brown **Discussion:** Discussion.

B. MOTION TO TABLE POSTING THE POSITION OF ATTORNEY TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Motion: Commissioner Jones **Second:** Commissioner Carter **Discussion:** Discussion.

Yes: Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Holley, and Commissioner Jones.

No: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burton, and Commissioner Davis.

Abstention: Commissioner Bernard

VOTE: Yes = 5 No = 3 Motion: ANNOUNCED AS PASSED

Please note the following: There was a discrepancy based on Commissioner Bernard's comments after she announced her vote to abstain. She provided an explanation that she did not believe it was the right time to post, which appeared to support the motion to table. But verbally, she abstained. [Please note another speaker indicated that Commissioner Bernard votes "Yes."] As such, her vote served as a 'no' vote, and the motion to table failed. Therefore, the vote was technically as follows:

VOTE: Yes = 4 No = 3 Abstention = 1 Motion: FAILED

Commissioner Bernard requested the Board take back control and power over towing. It is in the City Charter and it is the Board's responsibility and authority. The Board has the ability to evaluate towing in the city of Detroit and to issue the Request for Proposals in this matter.

C. MOTION TO POST FOR A PARLIAMENTARIAN TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Motion: Commissioner Burton **Second:** Commissioner Davis **Discussion:** Discussion.

D. MOTION TO TABLE POSTING FOR A PARLIAMENTARIAN TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Motion: Commissioner Burton **Second:** Commissioner Davis **Discussion:** Discussion.

Yes: Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Holley, and Commissioner Jones.

No: Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burton, and Commissioner Davis.

VOTE: Yes = 4 No = 4 Motion: FAILED

E. MAIN MOTION TO POST FOR A PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Motion: Commissioner Burton **Second:** Commissioner Davis **Discussion:** Discussion.

Yes: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burton, and Commissioner Davis.

No: Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Holley, and Commissioner Jones.

VOTE: Yes = 3 No = 5 Motion: FAILED

XIII. Announcements:

Commissioner Jones announced the Justice for Ringal Event that will be held on April 3, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. on the River Walk at Rivard and Atwater. **Commissioner Davis** announced he would be on the Sam Riddle Show April 2, 2021, from 9-11 a.m. on 910 AM.

Mr. Robert Brown announced the following:

1. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., BOPC Meeting
2. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., BOPC Meeting

XIV. Oral Communications/Public Comments:

District 4 Community Advisory Chairman Scotty Boman, Ms. Bernice Smith, Minister Eric Blount, "Over With" is Mr. Rhuben Crowley, Ms. Brenda Hill, Ms. Vanessa Bryant-Alanis, and Mr. Mac Farr offered public comments.

XV. Chairperson Holt adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Carter **Second: Commissioner Jones.** Discussion. **None:** Motion Adopted.
VOTE: **Yes = 8** **No = 0** **Motion: ADOPTED**